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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	DOI et al.	)	Examiner:	Unassigned
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Application No.:	Unassigned	)	Group Art Unit:	Unassigned
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Filed:	December 29, 2005	)	Confirmation No.:	Unassigned
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Docket No.:	3190-088	)	Customer No.:	33432

For: INHIBITION OF NERVE CELL DEATH BY INHIBITING DEGRADATION OF  
SHC3, ATF6 OR CREBL1 BY HTRA2 AND METHOD OF AMELIORATING  
NEURODEGENERATIVE DISEASES

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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December 29, 2005

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.